

Appln. No. 09/537,176

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**PATENT APPLICATION**  
**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant	:	Marco CAERAN	)	
			)	Group Art Unit 3728
Appln. No.	:	09/537,176	)	
			)	Examiner Jila Mohandesi
Docket No.	:	P18888	)	
			)	Confirmation No. 6098
Customer No.	:	7055	)	
			)	
Filed	:	March 29, 2000	)	
			)	
Title	:	SPORTS BOOT WITH FLEXIBLE FRAME	)	

**REPLY UNDER 37 CFR §1.116**  
**TO THE OFFICE ACTION OF DECEMBER 23, 2003**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the final Office action dated December 23, 2003, Applicant kindly requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections, particularly the new ground of rejection which was presented in the final Office action, for reasons explained below.

Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance of the instant application are respectfully requested.

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